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SUBJECT: NYERERE VISIT: ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

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SUMMARY: AS MENTIONED REF A, WE THINK THAT ANY DISCUSSION OF US BILATERAL ASSISTANCE TO TANZANIA IS MORE LIKELY TO BE RAISED BY SENIOR MEMBERS OF NYERERE PARTY RATHER THAN BY PRESIDENT HIMSELF. KEY TANGOV OFFICIALS HAVE INDICATED TO US THEIR EXPECTATION OF INCREASED US AID TO TANZANIA. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE MALECELA HAS INDICATED AID PROJECTS OF INTEREST TO HIM (SEE DAR ES SALAAM 2783). MINISTER OF FINANCE AND PLANNING MTEI HAS OUTLINED SPECIFIC AREAS IN WHICH TANGOV BELIEVES OUR AID PROGRAM COULD BEST BE EXPANDED. END SUMMARY.

1. MINISTER FINANCE ASKED AMBASSADOR TO MEET RECENTLY WITH HIM, HIS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, MULOKOZE, AND PRESIDENTIAL ECONOMIC ADVISOR, J. RWEYEMAMU (WHO WILL ACCOMPANY PRESIDENT TO US), TO REVIEW US DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND POSSIBILITIES FOR EXPANSION. SETTING THE STAGE WITH A DISCOURSE ON A "NEW BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP" AND THE UPCOMING NYERERE VISIT, THE MINISTER CONCLUDED THAT CLIMATE WAS GOOD FOR US TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN TANZANIA'S DEVELOPMENT EFFORT. HE OUTLINED FOUR PRIORITY AREAS FOR INCREASED US AID:

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A) CONTINUE AND EXPAND ONGOING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS IN AGRICULTURE.

B) UNDERTAKE INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF ARUSHA REGION, WITH CONCENTRATION ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION.

C) ASSIST THE RUFIJI RIVER BASIN PROJECT. TANGOV WOULD LIKE US TO PROVIDE CAPITAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR MECHANIZED, LARGE-SCALE FOODGRAIN SCHEMES IN THE BASIN.

D) FINANCE CONSTRUCTION OF A MAJOR ROAD SUCH AS WEST LAKE REGION LINKS WITH UGANDA AND RWANDA.

MINISTER NOTED THAT OTHER DONORS ARE WORKING IN THE FOUR AREAS DESCRIBED ABOVE AND THAT THE US ROLE WOULD BE A COMPLEMENTARY ONE.

3. AMBASSADOR COMMENTED ON TANGOV EXPECTATIONS IN THE PERSPECTIVE OF OUR CURRENT AID PROGRAM AND STRATEGY, OTHER DONOR AID, THE ATTITUDES IN THE US TOWARD FOREIGN AID, AND CONGRESSIONAL APPROACH TOWARD AID. HE INDICATED US INTENTION TO CONTINUE SUPPORTING TANZANIA'S DEVELOPMENT AND INTEREST IN EXPANDING COOPERATION. AS AN INITIAL REACTION TO MINISTER'S POINTS, AMBASSADOR NOTED:

A) OUR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IS PROJECTED TO INCREASE BY ABOUT \$2 MILLION A YEAR. WE PLANNING LOOK FOR MORE WAYS TO EXPAND THIS EFFORT, ALONG LINES REF B.

B) WE INTEND ASSIST IN PREPARATION ARUSHA REGIONAL PLAN. WE ALSO THINKING ABOUT LARGE VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT WHICH WOULD BE IN ARUSHA. WE PREPARED CONSIDER OTHER ASPECTS OF DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF ARUSHA.
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C) AS WELL AS SEEKING AID FOR LARGE-SCALE AGRICULTURE PROJECTS, TANGOV SHOULD DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT ITS POLICY WILL ALLOW ROLE FOR JOINT VENTURES WITH US AGRO-BUSINESS FIRMS.

D) CURRENT AID APPROACH IS TO HELP DIRECTLY RURAL POOR RATHER THAN TO UNDERTAKE MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS SUCH AS ROADS.

4. COMMENT: DURING RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH SENIOR TANGOV OFFICIALS, WE WERE MADE AWARE OF THEIR:

-- LACK OF UNDERSTANDING OF US POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT AND PROCESSES.

-- WEAK COORDINATION ON AID MATTERS AMONG THE VARIOUS MINISTRIES. SENIOR OFFICIALS WHO SHOULD BE KNOWLEDGEABLE MAY NOT BE AWARE OF WHAT WE ARE DOING OR OF REQUESTS TO US FROM OTHER TANGOV OFFICES.

-- FREQUENT INABILITY TO CLARIFY AND DEFINE EXACTLY WHAT THEY WANT US TO DO AND HOW IT RELATES TO BROAD PLANS AND TO OTHER DONOR INVOLVEMENT.

-- APPARENT FAILURE TO DATE OF TANGOV TO REACH POLICY DETER-
MINATION ON WHETHER AND HOW FOREIGN FIRMS CAN PLAY A ROLE IN
EXPLOITING COUNTRY'S AGRICULTURAL AND MINERAL POTENTIAL.
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